മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ . കാറിന്റെ റജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റും മറ്റുമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് പോയാലും കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ പ്രയാസമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ : സൈക്കിൾ ചവിട്ടിക്കൊണ്ട് പോകയാണെങ്കിലോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : പെർമിറ്റ് വേണം.

FUEL DEPOT—VADAKKANCHERI

190. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the conditions on which the fuel depot at Vadakkancheri is working at Vadakkancheri, *i. e.* price per cartload;

weight in tons per cartload;

the approximate cubic feet contents that make up the ton;

the retail price per "katti", the relationship of this "katti" to the ton;

the retail price for such "katti;"

the quantity that will be supplied as the maximum to the consumer;

(*b*) whether any alterations have been made in the arrangements of transporting and supplying fuel to the Depot; if so, what they are;

when they were made and why;

(*c*) modification in price, if nny?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*:

(*a*) Rs. 8.

One cartload was 1½ tons. Afterwards it was made one ton since the carts were found actually carrying 1 ton only.

68 cubic feet stacked volume.

6 annas per "katti" of ½ Cwt. One ton = 40 katties.

5 annas till 10th Mithunam 1119 and 6 annas since then. Quantity fixed for household consumption is 1 ton per month per house average or 6 lbs. per head on ration cards per day. Excess requirements are catered to on sufficient grounds.

(*b*) Yes. Alterations have been made. Departmental lorries have been provided for transport.

The change was made on 11th Mithunam 1119 owing to the acute shortage of carts which necessitated handling in the depot after conveyance by lorries.

(*c*) Rs. 10 per ton on actual weighment and split fuel in retail at 6 annas per katti.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know, Sir, the reasons if any, for enhancing the price?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: Previously the carts used to deliver the firewood ready at the doors of the consumer. Now it has been brought and stacked in the Depot and issues are made on the basis of actual weighment. There would be some variation in the actual weighment and the stacked volume. It is to provide for the difference between the two weighments that it is enhanced.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the 6 annas per katty is the price for split fuel?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: It is.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Instead of split fuel being sold at 6 annas it is the other way, Sir.

Mr. S. Venkateswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: In many cases people do not require split firewood. In such cases it is sold unsplit.

Petition to the Council

Mr. President: Yesterday morning the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri sought to interrupt the business of the House in order to present a petition. He had neither given me intimation of his intention nor had he afforded me any opportunity to see the petition and consider whether it is admissible under the Rules and Standing Orders. I, therefore, directed that the matter be taken up for consideration after questions to-day. I have now seen the petition. It comes from the employees of the Tata Oil Mills here and ask that their ration be increased. Under Standing Order 60 a petition to the Council must relate to some matter actually under the consideration of the Council. It is true that yesterday morning the House was considering Government's demand for a grant under the head "Miscellaneous" which includes the expenditure on rationing. But the matters actually under this consideration of the Council in connection with that demand were two; first the purchase price of paddy and secondly the relaxation

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of control over the movement and use of tapioca. The subject of rationing did not come under the consideration of the Council in connection with the demand. I have, therefore, decided that the Council cannot receive this petition since it deals with a matter which is not and was not yesterday actually under the consideration of the Council.

Adjournment Motion

Mr. President.—I have received from the Hon'ble Member Mr. Pylee notice that he wishes to move the adjournment of the Council for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious inconvenience caused to residents within the limits of the Ernakulam Muncipality by the arrangement now made for scavenging only on alternate days. I shall be glad if the Hon'ble Member would satisfy me that this is a matter of recent occurrence and that it is a matter of such urgent public importance as to warrant the adjournment of the business of this House.

* **Mr. L. M. Pylee** *(Latin Christian-Ernakulam):* Sir, the matter is urgent. It is obvious from the nature of the subject itself and it is of public importance because in a Municipality like this a matter of such absolute necessity in which so many people are concerned I would submit that it is quite obvious that it is a matter of public importance and of recent occurrence I wish to submit that the present arrangement upon which I have tabled this motion has been made only within the last three or four days. That is my information. The order was passed only after this meeting began. Previous to that this arrangement might have been in existence. This actually has occurred only recently and is continuing and therefore, I submit that this motion may be accepted.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is very much regretted that Government had to resort to this course.

Mr. President: Is it the Government or the Municipality ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I am sorry, Sir, it is the Municipality. The Chairman has held out an assurance that everything that is possible will be done by the Municipality to stop this practice as early as possible. They have now adopted it as a purely temporary measure due to reasons beyond their control. I expect it will be rectified in a week or two. It is concerded that the present situation is rather a serious one, but every effort will be made by the Government to induce the Municipality to resume the old practice of daily scavenging.

Mr. President: I quite accept the Hon'ble Member's contention that this is a matter of importance. But inasmuch as it is primarily the concern of the Municipal Council and not of the Government I hardly think that we should be justified in adjourning the business of this House to consider the matter, more particularly in view of the fact which has been represented from the Government Benches that Government are well aware of the matter and are doing what they can to induce and to help the Municipal Council to improve the conditions .

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS *(cont.)*

23. Medical

CUT MOTION NO. 39 *(cont.)*

The inadequacy of provision for the diet of Patients

***Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, I rise to support this motion. Yesterday the Hon'ble Member for Medicine was pleased to inform this House that he has budgetted for this amount as dietary charges on the basis of an allowance per patient being at 3 or 4 annas. On the basis of that figure and in view of the high prices of foodstuffs prevailing now it does not require a long speech to show that the food actually given to these patients is not at all adequate. Sir, I take it that the items of food given to the patients are the same in all the hospitals in all other Districts. If so, from my knowledge of the condition of things in the Chittur hospital, they are given rice gruel of questionable quantity twice a day. Am I right ? They are given rice gruel and some curry which is mere tamarind water. I am not finding fault with the officers because with the allowance actually made to them they can only supply as much. The patients ought to be satisfied with this rice gruel twice a day, in the morning at 9 O'clock and in the evening,

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* We give rice in the evening. Thrice a day.

* **Mr. T. S. Ramachadara Ayyar** *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I am told that in former days patients were given in addition to this milk and bread also. I do not want to waste the

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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